

The Messenger.

A NEW VIEW OF "REBEL"

The Charleston News and Courier lately wrote of "that foul word rebellion." It is, as we have often said, a sure sign of people being underbred who use it. It is intended to be offensive. It is a lie as well as an example of spite and ignorance. The late gifted Virginian Dabney, in his very interesting and successful novel, "Don McLean," in the book characterizes the use of "that foul word rebellion" as "underbred," whence we got it, and in a letter to us many years ago, he said that it had caused him to lose the sale of thousands of copies in the north. They could not stand the truth. No gentleman or lady would use such an offensive, false term. The intent is of course, to rebuke and insult the men who wore the gray so bravely, so splendidly and all who had patriotism enough to be in full sympathy with them and the grand "lost cause." So far from the war being really a "rebellion," it was a war for second independence on the part of the south. The compact had been broken already and the south sought to withdraw peacefully. Mr. Webster, in his famous Capon Springs speech, in Virginia, admitted that the constitution was a "compact," and a "compact" could be broken. If you would see this question presented with distinguished ability, and with reasoning and facts that stand to this hour unbroken, even, unassailable, read Rev. Dr. Albert Taylor Hedges' "Is Jeff Davis a Traitor?" President Davis told Colonel Wharton J. Green, of Fayetteville, that it was the ablest book on the subject.

We failed to preserve what the News and Courier had to say, but two of its correspondents are writing intelligently concerning the "foul word." One writes:

"Your correspondent recollects seeing some years ago in one of the question books, comprising questions and answers on all common school studies, published somewhere at the north, this identical question propounded: What was the cause of the war of the rebellion? And the answer printed in the text was: 'The principle of absolute states' rights, as applied to the maintenance of slavery.'"

If you are informed you will understand the significance of it. The correspondent makes another remark that has wide application and is true. He writes:

"Our educational system, as there has often been occasion to observe, is conducted in a too hap-hazard, perfunctory sort of manner anyhow, from the selection of the most important functionaries to perform its duties to the teachers, trustees, examiners and school books, down to the questions and answers to test the qualifications and proficiencies of each."

Another correspondent thinks the "foul word" has a northern application, and it was the north that "rebelled" and really and truly "rebellion" against the constitution. That is the correct view. History contains no war that was waged with a greater disregard of justice, right, honor and humanity than the war of the north waged against the south and in violation of the constitution—in open "rebellion" against it. But let South Carolinian be heard. He says he heard the late Mr. Lewis M. Ayer, a pronounced secessionist of the South Carolina school, say, in answer to a question from him, the writer of the communication, as to the name for the war, which would be true to history. The reply given is this:

"I do not object to its being called the war of the rebellion, provided it be distinctly understood that the term rebel was to be applied, not to those who sought to establish this constitutional rights, under a new organization, but to those dominating the legislative and executive branches of the government, sought to violate the constitution under which the union was formed. In fact, it was a war of rebellion, a rebellion against the constitution of the United States, and the rebels were successful."

Any one who has carefully, thoughtfully studied the subject must know that the real "rebels" were in the north and not in the south.

WHAT THE ELECTIONS HAVE DONE

The recent elections promise great results. They are a signal eye-opener. They contradict all the blather-skites who have been saying that "silver is dead," and there will be nothing heard of it in 1900. Even Henri Watterson, the violent, the abusive, who wrote more vile denunciations of the bimetalists than even any red-mouth, cantankerous radical sheet did, and that too after being intensely the other way, has at last succumbed, and has promised never to do so any more. The truth is the new democratic Dispatch has been roping in Watterson's subscribers by the thousands, and if the Courier-Journal does not cease to revile bimetalists and to fight the democratic party and policy it will lose its subscribers and either have to set up as a McKinley organ or "play out" completely. It is not conscience or principle that governs the back-down of Watterson & Co., but salvation from wreckage. Watterson is out in a screed promising to stand by the party hereafter. If he and his crowd had done their duty last year the country would not now be afflicted with such baleful administration as McKinley's, with

its high robber tax and its 50,191 new pension seekers and other evils and wrongs, "too tedious to mention." It is better to have Watterson's help than his opposition whatever the motive prompting. It is better to have an united party, working and voting for the common good than to have even a small part split off, and antagonizing, belligerent, striving to undo and to destroy.

The opinions of the meaning and outcome of the triumph of the democrats in the elections are many and varied. That it is for the good of the country is made certain by the late vapors of such papers as the New York Tribune. The New York World is not an oracle and it is no leader for the national democracy in journalism, but it sees the truth in this—that the very objectionable course of the McKinley crowd, it helped and strove to elect, has produced the results that have but lately followed. It calls it "political lunacy." We wonder what it calls its own course last year? It was surely neither wisdom nor patriotism. Even the able, extreme mugwump New York Evening Post, that helped might and main to elect McKinley, is frank to say that the verdict "was a severe rebuke to the republican party and the new administration. No president has received so heavy a blow at the polls so soon after his inauguration. Congress has not met in regular session, and will not meet regularly till next month. Yet it is already weighed in the balance and found wanting."

No one can doubt that these elections have given a fresh impetus to Bryanism. They make it certain that the next elections, congressional and presidential, will be fought on that issue. What a change in opinion—how a fact knocks the life out of a theory. But all clear-sighted people not looking into a cloud or trying to survey the whole sweep of the political heavens by peering through a keyhole, know that the republican game have been repudiated and that too without a gleam of hope. The sky is all dark now to the gang of plunderers and tools and blunderers. Nothing short of a miracle of wisdom and the rarest combination of circumstances can possibly bring to the rejected, incapable, unfaithful, reckless party any chance of success. The democrats must get together and keep together. No gain to them or the country will come from republican supremacy.

CENSURE OF EX-MINISTER TAYLOR

The Spanish organs censure ex-minister Hannis Taylor severely because of his paper in the North American Review. There are some American newspapers that are doing the same thing but for a different motive. The Spaniards are censorious and complaining because Mr. Taylor reveals to his countrymen facts that show up Spanish policy, incapacity and savagery. It is natural, as Sam Jones would say, for "the hit dog to howl." The American newspapers that censure are republican mainly and they do it because Mr. Taylor is a southern democrat. The anti-democratic organs say it will start afresh "Jingoism." The opposite of what they call "Jingoism," borrowing a coinage in England for political purposes, is always the right American policy as they see it. The charge is that ex-Minister Taylor has betrayed secrets that came to him in his official capacity. So charge certain English papers not specially friendly to the United States, and the charge is taken up and echoed and indorsed in this country.

Has there ever been an American minister to any foreign court in a time of governmental complications, when there was a threatened crisis, and his country was to be seriously involved probably, who failed to acquaint his countrymen with the condition of affairs as it appeared to him, and revealed any facts, reports or conclusions that came to him while among the enemies at the court as an accredited official of another country? Is it censurable for a foreign minister, after his recall, and he is no longer an official but once more a private citizen to tell his countrymen of what he knows of the plans and policy of the enemy of his country? Is it not his duty to put them on guard, and to put them in possession of facts and observations that will enable them to see what their duty is, by enabling them to more clearly understand the points at issue and the machinations of a hostile power? Or is all his knowledge gained from close contact from observation abroad to be locked up in his own breast, and his countrymen to be kept in the dark as to what are the probable plans, the actual resources or the meaning of the actions of an enemy distinguished for brutality through the centuries? If so a dummy would be the best minister to represent a country abroad.

SHARPS AND FLATS.

Asparagus is not only a pleasant vegetable for the table, but is known to possess some medicinal value. It can not, however, be eaten by some class or classes of patients. It is easily cultivated when it is properly understood.

Hood's Pills
Cure sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, gas in the stomach, distress and indigestion. Do not weaken, but have tonic effect. 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Many people seek information all over the land as to the best method of production and the best kinds. The United States department of agriculture has issued "Farmers' Bulletin No. 61," giving among other things notes upon the history, botany, and varieties of asparagus, the methods of treatment from gathering the seed to marketing the succulent spears, and references to some of the more common and dangerous diseases and insects. This bulletin can be secured free of charge by sending a request to the secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C., or to a member of congress.

The Messenger a few days ago told of the rascalities practiced by millionaires in the north in refusing to pay their taxes on their immense possessions. The poor man with his humble cot or his shanty must pay the annual tax, but the great millionaires escape through fraud and dishonesty and rob the states of "honest money." The New York Journal is giving examples of the rascals who cheat the city or the state and refuse to pay their equitable part in supporting the government. One fellow was assessed \$40,000 on property. He swore he was not a resident, but evidence was produced that he had voted in that very town and swore it was his home. Another rascal at New Rochelle, who owned millions, swore he was a non-resident, but he had been voting there for years, including the very latest election. It is such things as these that bring over the honest toilers a very "tired feeling" is disgust and resentment. Pampered wealth is a disgrace and an obstruction when it becomes a fraud and a perjurer and an enemy of the people.

Some of the papers are defending the Princeton Inn, and trying to show that the Presbyterians are wrong in condemning the action of the professors of Princeton university and others who signed a petition asking that the Inn be granted a license to sell drinks. It has been shown by a competent witness that many students visited it and drank to excess. Some of the professors signed asking for the granting of license, and lately a western synod passed a resolution to boycott the university. Several presbyteries have spoken out in condemnation, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of New Jersey, has spoken out and has denounced the whole business. The New Jersey synod has decided that it had no jurisdiction in the matter, as regards the professor (Shields) who signed this certificate. What will be the final outcome is not yet known. Southern Presbyterians may not take any official action, but we may well suppose that most of its clergy and ruling elders will not be in sympathy with the barroom business. It is not the thing needed by students in colleges and universities. It is not part of higher or Christian education.

THE APPLE CROP

A state exchange, we forget which, a week or two ago, gave this information as to good apple growing:

"The reports of fine apple crops in the mountains are not exaggerated, so Rev. R. P. Smith tells us. In an orchard he knows of, there are 700 trees with the finest kind of crop on them. In one community the apple crop is greater than can be used or fed to hogs. A distiller moved in to co-operate with the apple growers and make the fruit into brandy. The neighbors told him to move on, they'd let the fruit rot on the ground."

For thirty years perhaps this writer has been holding up North Carolina as a great apple producing state in so far as special adaptability is concerned. We have mentioned several times in print that at the first World's fair, held in New York, about 1851 or 1852, two Guilford county pomologists took respectively first and second premiums beating all rivals in the north and west. What was done forty-five years ago can be repeated if our people would do their very best in apple growing. About 1875, we saw at the state fair at Raleigh, some western Carolina apples that were exceptionally fine, the largest by odds we have yet seen grown in any state. Not only can be produced apples of extreme size, but of finest flavor. We have nothing from abroad brought into our state for sale in the way of apples that eclipse the best flavored North Carolina product. The winesap, the greenskins, and other kinds are of delicious flavor and external beauty. It is only another instance of North Carolina in difference to self-interest that the apple crop today is not ten or twenty times larger than it is. One skilled in handling apples, and doubtless other fruits, said to us perhaps two years ago that the people who grew apples did not know how to handle them for market. That is doubtless so, and he explained to us why.

What is said of the adaptability of North Carolina climate and soil to apple growing may be as well applied to other fruits—to the grape, the pear, the peach and others. We say again that the best pears we ever eat were grown in this state. We heard a reputable Caswell farmer, a kinsman of the distinguished General Tom Person, say that he had 200 varieties of the pear on his farm. This was in 1863. The scuppernon grape grows to perfection up to the northern border line. We never saw finer than some in Halifax county grown within a mile of Roanoke river and within some two or three miles of the Virginia line.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A man has to have a great deal of faith to get along comfortably in this world—particularly if he takes his meals at restaurants.—Somerville Journal.

That Kentucky parson who didn't believe in a personal devil may conclude to revise his opinion after the surgeons relieve his anatomy of its surplus lead.—Washington Post.

It is estimated that 60,000 farmers in France make their living by the manufacture of Roquefort cheese, which is a remarkably small number considering the strength of the cheese.—Chicago News.

Anyhow, Mrs. Langtry wears her widow's weeds on the turn of Newmarket. She seems determined to vindicate her claim of widowhood, even if she doesn't observe all the proprieties of that state of existence.—Boston Herald.

General Blanco says in his proclamation that Spain raised Cuba "to the highest level of prosperity which any country ever attained." Cuba's war debt of over \$400,000,000 is an evidence that the natives have had little share in the prosperity.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is not a shadow of a reason to expect this senate to pass any currency reform measure that the administration or the non-official commission may recommend. And, more than that, it is extremely doubtful if any such measure could be put through the house.—Washington Post.

Something to Know!

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Another Advertising Triumph

"I love your daughter, sir," said he; "My love will never falter. And with your kind permission I will lead her to the altar."

"Not quite so fast, aspiring youth; Before the knot is tied, On certain most important points I must be satisfied."

"You do not smoke, nor drink, nor chew? Quite right—and quite surprising; But now, young man, I want your views On modern advertising."

The suitor blushed—"O! honored sir! I trust there'll be no friction; And with your kind permission I'll pay Is my most firm conviction."

"From boyhood, sir, I've noticed that From seasons dusk and trying, The men who advertise with skill Come out with colors flying."

"My business, too, at first so small, Now rapidly is growing; And well I know to printers' ink All my success is owing."

"Enough, enough, O wise young sir; You need no sage advising; Get married, sir, but don't forget To keep on advertising."

—Printer's Ink.

A Stage Robbery

Guthrie, Okla., November 9.—The mail stage running between Cheyenne and Canadian was held up today by highwaymen who rifled the mail pouches and secured \$400 in money and valuables. James Wilson, the stage driver, has been arrested for supposed complicity in the robbery.

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Twenty Years Proof.

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Single Capes, nice Beaver cloth at 50c each; with double cape at top and nice collar, 75c; Fur trimmed Capes, with double Cape and Collar, 95c; a better quality of Capes at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00; very fine seal plush Capes, nicely trimmed, at \$3.50; better quality at \$5.00; fine Cape, handsomely trimmed, at \$6.50 and \$8.75; very long, fine Fur Capes, worth at my regular price \$18.00, (only four left) handsome silk linings, I will sell at \$10.00 each.

Cloaks and Jackets.

Small infants' Zephyr Jackets, 25c each; Cloaks for small babies and children \$1.00 and \$1.50; long Cashmere Cloaks, embroidered, \$1.25 to \$2.50. Ladies Astracaskan Cloaks, nice quality, at \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$7.50. Misses school Cloaks from \$1.50 to \$4.00.

Baby Caps.

Nice white silk Caps at 25c each; finer caps, better trimmed, at 35, 50, 75 and 95c and up to \$1.50 each. Elder Down Caps, collared, at 25 and 50c. Girls' school Tam O'Shanter Caps, leather finish, at 50c; flannel, at 25c; embroidered, at 40 and 50c. A big job of Tam O'Shanter caps at 10 to 25c each. A big drive in Men's and Boys' Caps—50 dozen job samples, the best Caps I ever saw at the price, from 10 to 25c, all kinds represented; also a full line of Men's Hats from 25c to \$1.25 each.

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Your last summer dresses will not answer any longer. You must get ready for the Fall and Winter. I have a large

quantity of Black and Colored Dress Goods and can please you. We sell all Wool Dress suitings, beautiful styles, for 25c per yard, goods that most merchants would ask 35c for. I will sell you a fancy novelty, beautiful patterns, 28 inches wide, at 12½c; 36 inches wide, lovely goods, at 18c. My beautiful high art novelties, 40 inches wide, all wool, lovely goods, run from 40c to \$1.00 per yard. I have all prices in Black Dress Goods from Danish Cloth at 10c to fine silk warp Henrietta, 38 assorted colors Worsteds, a line of Red Garnet and Brown, 24 inches wide, a job, worth 25c now, 16c per yard. Serges all prices from 25c to 75c per yard. Calicoes from 3½c to 5c. Bicycle suitings, or Covart Cloth, at 8, 10, 12½c per yard.

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I have on hand about 25 new pieces of Brussels carpet, all nice and pretty patterns, that I will sell at 49, 55 and 60c per yard. If you value your money as worth saving, buy your carpet from the Racket Store. Ingrain Carpet, 36 inches wide, special low prices at 20, 22½ and 25c; half wool, 35, 45, and 48c; three ply, all wool, special value, at 60c per yard.

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